

REMARKS

The Examiner provided guidelines for organization of the specification, and noted that no nucleotide or amino acid sequence listing has been provided on a compact disc. The Examiner's comments are not understood. The specification is already organized in the suggested format. Moreover, the application relates to a press molding die and manufacturing method. The specification for this invention requires no nucleotide or amino acid sequence listings. Applicant requests that the Examiner clarify his remarks regarding the specification, or else state a clear objection or rejection.

Applicant respectfully traverses the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 over Munz et al., and the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 over Munz in view of Uchiyama and Iwaya.

The present invention relates to a press molding die, and a method of manufacturing a press molding die. Among other things, a micro-rough layer is formed by performing a particulate coating process, as set forth, *e.g.*, in claims 1 and 6. Moreover, as more clearly set forth in amended claims 1 and 6, the micro-rough layer has a particle diameter of 10 to 30 μm . The claimed micro-rough layer provides the benefits described in the specification, including preventing the workpiece from moving, which are not obtained by Munz, whether considered alone or in combination with the secondary references. The references do not teach or suggest the claimed micro-rough layer, and hence neither obtain nor contemplate the advantages of the invention. In fact, the Uchiyama reference teaches away from the claimed micro-rough layer because it discloses a coating process to obtain a smooth and shiny decorative surface, rather than a micro-rough surface.

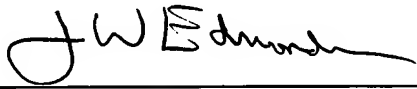
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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